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Dear Ms. Bengts:

**Re: Request for Review your file # 08-140-5
Our File # 1029-EDU-1572**

Thank you for the report and recommendations # 08-045 related to the Request for Review of file 07-274-5.

Your first recommendation suggests that “training has to go beyond the basic ‘confidentiality is important’ policies.” This past fall ATIPP and Records Management training occurred in two communities. A representative of the Department conducted the ATIPP portion while Community and Government Services staff were in charge of the Records Management training.

ATIPP tips have been sent by e-mail on a regular basis to office staff. The Department has also recently started sending out a departmental newsletter, and has met with the ATIPP Coordinator to discuss including “ATIPP Tips” to keep all staff more informed about procedures and policies regarding ATIPP on a regular basis.

The Department of Education is committed to continuing to deliver additional training to Departmental staff, including staff at offices outside Iqaluit to ensure ATIPP is understood and followed consistently in all of our offices.

In regard to your second recommendation to create a new position dedicated to privacy, access, and records keeping, I agree with your recommendation, and acknowledge the benefit of such a position. There are several issues that we must address in order for this to occur, however, and this will take some time. Given the current fiscal situation the creation of such a position is not a simple matter. I assure you the Department is taking this recommendation seriously and agree that it would benefit the Department a great deal to have a position dedicated to ATIPP and records.

Thank you once again for your recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hunter Tootoo".

Hon. Hunter Tootoo
Minister

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